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1. RECOGNIZING THAT DR IS SUBJECT TO REVISION FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH POSSIBLE COSPONSORS, PERMDEL PROPOSES TO MAKE CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE DEPARTMENT'S WISHES IN PRINCIPLE IF NOT IN WORDING. FOLLOWING ARE NEW PROPOSALS FOR PARAS 5 AND 6 AND ALTERNATIVE PARA 6:

2. BEGIN TEXT:
-- 5. BELIEVES ALSO THAT THE ADVICE OF SCIENTISTS IS CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING DESIRABLE LEVELS OF EMPHASIS AND SUPPORT AMONG AND WITHIN UNESCO SCIENCE PROGRAMMES AND, ACCORDINGLY,

-- INVITES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, USING HIS STAFF, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES OF SCIENTISTS FROM MEMBER STATES, TO REVIEW THE NATURAL
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SCIENCES PROGRAMMES WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES ON PROGRAMMES OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND WITH THE GREATEST PRESENT OR POTENTIAL WORLDWIDE IMPACT AND TERMINATE THOSE OF LOWEST PRIORITY AND LIMITED WORLDWIDE IMPACT.

ALTERNATIVE PARAGRAPH 6

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-- DECIDES TO AMEND THE GENERAL RESOLUTION ON THE NATURAL SCIENCES PROGRAMMES BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH 8, TO READ: (INVITES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL) "8. TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BY USING HIS STAFF, THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES OF SCIEN-TISTS FROM MEMBER STATES, TO REVIEW THE NATURAL SCIENCES PROGRAMMES WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES ON PROGRAMMES OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND WITH THE GREATEST PRESENT OR POTENTIAL WORLDWIDE IMPACT AND TERMINATE THOSE OF LOWEST PRIORITY AND LIMITED WORLDWIDE IMPACT." END TEXT.

3. EXPLANATIONS: PARA 5-- IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THE DELEGATES TO THE GC AND EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT THIS TASK WILL NOT WIND UP IN THEIR OWN LAP, FOR THEY KNOW THAT NEITHER BODY WOULD BE ABLE TO JUDGE OR COME TO AGREEMENT ON THE ELIMINATION OF PROGRAMS. COUNTER-PROPOSAL IS IN BETWEEN "ONLY SCIENTISTS" AND "SCIENTISTS SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED." IN PARA 6, "OBJECTIVE" OR "PURPOSE" WOULD, IN PERMDEL'S OPINION, BE MORE APPRO-PRIATE THAN "AIM." SHOWING GREATEST PROMISE OF ATTAINING ESTABLISHED OBJECTIVES" WOULD BE OPEN TO SEVERAL INTERPRETATIONS AND MIGHT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ELIMINATE ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. OTHER CHANGES ARE SIMPLY PREFERRED
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